

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2000 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Brian McNeil, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Quality); Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care); David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Nicholas Duffy, Trainee Solicitor; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Kathleen Hall, Jim Raymond, David Macrae, Eric Jackson and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. As part of on-going staff development, the Chair welcomed Jackie Donnelly, the newly-appointed Principal Officer for Community Care.

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) 1968 - SECTION 10 PAYMENTS
TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on additional applications received from voluntary organisations for Section 10 funding in 2000/2001 and which made recommendations for the approval of payment.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a grant of £2,100 be award to East Ayrshire Elderly Forum for 2000/2001;
- (ii) that the application received from Couple Counselling (formerly Marriage Counselling, Ayrshire) be refused; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**REVIEW OF THE EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1998-2001:
1999/2000 IMPLEMENTATION AND FORWARD PLAN 2000/2001 (Item 6, Page
3432 96/99)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the second annual review of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan incorporating information for the monitoring of the implementation of "Modernising Community Care - An Action Plan" and "The Strategy for Carers in Scotland".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the 1999/2000 review of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 1998-2001, subject to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board endorsement; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**OUTCOME OF THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN
(1998-2001) "OUR CHILDREN (Item 1, Page 3178 96/99)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the outcome of the mid-term review of the Children's Service Plan (1998-2001) "Our Children".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the mid-term review of the Children's Service Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**PROPOSALS FOR THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF
HEALTH SERVICE MONIES**

5. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the allocation of Health Service monies to Local Authorities, the present proposals on the utilisation of these funds and which sought approval to establish posts arising from the resources available.

Having noted that the post of Clerical Assistant set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report would now no longer be required to be considered by the Council, as the duties assigned for this post would now be met by the Acute Trust; and with that change, it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in the report including the proposed posts of one Social Worker and one Home Help Organiser as set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report;
- (ii) to refer the staffing implications to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration;
- (iii) that the Director of Finance allocate the additional monies to the Health Board account of the Social Work budget, when finally determined; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER SECTIONS OF SOCIAL WORK
LEGISLATION AND COST OF CHARGES TO SERVICE USERS WAIVED OR
ABATED IN 1999/2000**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the levels of assistance provided under Section 12, Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and Section 22, Children (Scotland) Act 1995 during 1999/2000 and the cost of charges to service users for Community Care services waived or abated in 1999/2000.

**FUTURE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL
WORK SERVICES (Item 4, Page 535 99/02)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on discussions underway involving East, North and South Ayrshire Councils on future delivery arrangements for Criminal Justice Social Work Services and which sought approval for the development of a joint Criminal Justice strategic plan across three Authorities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the development of a Joint Strategic Plan through the arrangements described at paragraph 4 of the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work report to the Social Work Committee for agreement on the proposals to be submitted to the Scottish Executive; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

WOMEN OFFENDERS: A REVIEW OF SERVICES (Item 1, Page 3840 96/99)

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the outcome of a review by the Scottish Executive of local authorities' Service for Women Offenders and the implications for East Ayrshire Criminal Justice services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the developments being sought in Criminal Justice Social Work services for women offenders; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

FEEES FOR INDEPENDENT SPECIAL SCHOOLS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on action taken following CoSLA's advice on restricting the increases in payments to independent special schools in the 2000/2001 financial year.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

10. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Section 7A of the Act as noted against each item.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTE (PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3)

11. There was submitted and approved as a correct record, the undernoted Minute (circulated) as contained in Appendix I of these Minutes.

**11.1 COMPLAINTS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE
OF 5 JUNE 2000 - APPENDIX I.**

**REPORT FROM THE SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
(PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 6 June 2000 (circulated) by the Social Work Complaints Review Sub-Committee in respect of its findings and recommendations on complaint no. 1/00.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, in addition to the existing respite care measures provided to the family on an ongoing basis, the Social Work Department should work in conjunction with the relevant health agencies and the family with a view to identifying an annual two-week period during which appropriate full-time respite care could be provided to allow the parents to spend time with the other two children and/or on their own, this to be effected in a manner which would give them as much notice as possible and which minimises any additional stress in respect of the adequacy/availability of respite care resources; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the findings of the Sub-Committee.

VIOLENT INCIDENTS (PARAGRAPH 3)

13. There was submitted a report dated 7 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the number and nature of violent incidents which had occurred in Social Work establishments from 1 April 1996 and which provided an update on the analysis under management of violent incidents.

Having noted that, in Appendix III, the phrase "throwing of a damaged object" should be amended to read "throwing of a damaging object", it was agreed to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1110 hours.